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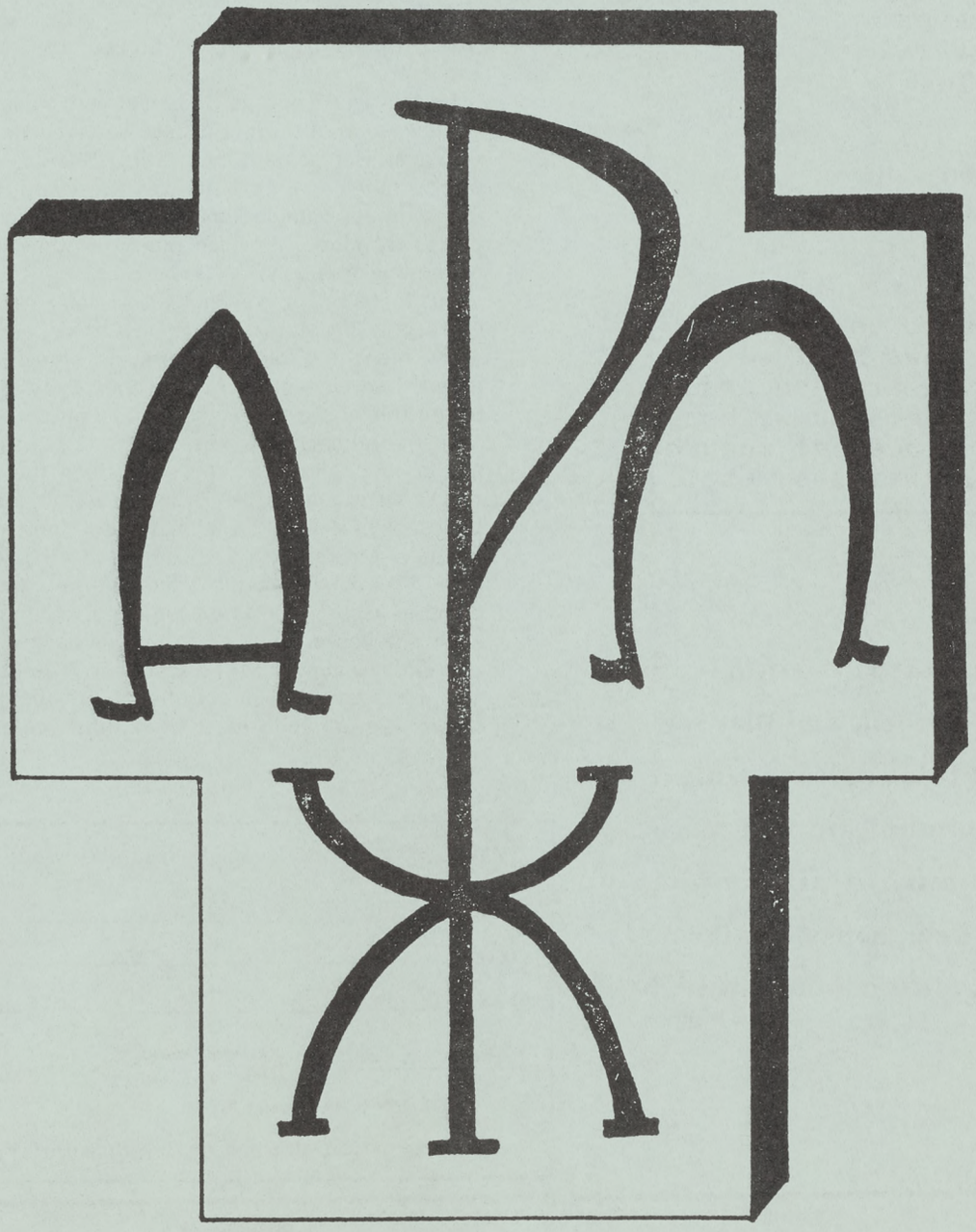

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"If it is true that the American culture is sub-divided, and that segments of that total culture find it difficult to communicate with each other, Christians, of all people, should feel a keen sense of alarm. For Christians *must* communicate."

Edward M. Brown

A Woman Liberated

By JIM BILL McINTEER

IT WAS an inauspicious beginning. Perhaps it would have rated space in the same section of the paper as the obituary column. The gospel's beginning in Europe was **not** an earth-shattering event.

By the river Paul and Silas met with women who wanted to pray. In that group of praying people was a seller of purple by the name of Lydia. Her home was Thyatira. She has been proselyted to the Jewish religion. Surely she was weary with the excesses of paganism with its volatile emotions, its grotesque gods, and immoral practices. Moses provided purity of conviction and the revelation of the one true Jehovah God.

But there was a greater light to come—it was the knowledge of God's only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

The preachers told those praying women about Jesus—they believed the word as the Lord opened Lydia's heart. She gave heed to the things that were spoken by Paul.

Learning her duty to the Master "she was baptized." There is any doubt that Lydia fully understood the nature of her step. It wasn't an exchange of creeds; it wasn't the embracing of a new philosophy; it wasn't the movement from one code of ethics to another—but rather it was coming to a Person. Her opening words were, "If ye have counted me faithful **unto the Lord!"** She had come to Jesus! She knew him into whom she was baptized. She knew she had a new Master and his name was Jesus!

Lydia, a woman, was the first convert to Christianity on European soil. Her first words as a Christian put the emphasis where it truly belongs—every child must be faithful **"unto the Lord!"**

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On Easter Sunday the Deacons will put on their annual Easter Dinner. The Dinner is a service of your Deacons to the community. It will be a complete dinner, with all the fixings, for the nominal charge of $1.50.

There are many in our Church who have no families with which to spend the holidays, and we in Christian fellowship wish to share this Holy Season with all our friends. Come and be with your Church family on Easter.

If you can not afford to pay for dinner, see your Deacon and he will give you a free ticket. No one at M.C.C. goes without because of money. Remember, M.C.C. is Love.

. . . and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

—John 6:37

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Tom Purcell 223-3797
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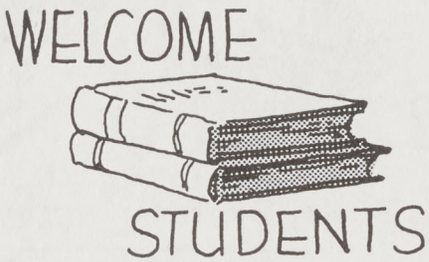
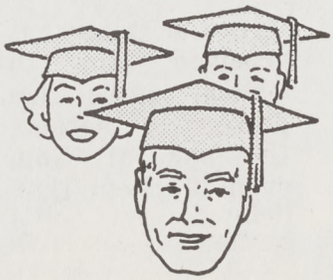
SEE YOU AT "THE BIG ONE," NORTHEAST PARISH.



SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY

Students interested in attending the Seminary should see the Dean -- Reverend Ploen, at the Church offices.



October 10, 1970 -- December 12, 1970. Two short months that held so much -- and they are gone.

When we met, we each had a deep crying inward need that the other person satisfied in the exact way that was needed. As long as that need was there, we stayed with each other; when the need was over, we parted.

A comparison may be drawn from the above to that of a bird with a broken wing. The bird is not able to navigate on its own; he has a need for someone to watch over and care for him. Then, when the wing has healed and he is whole again, he tries his wings, discovers they are able to sustain him, and he flies away -- with never a backward glance to his benefactors. Never does he ever know just how much love was poured out to him, nor how much he is missed by those he leaves behind. He never realizes, either, just what a warm spot he leaves within those he leaves behind -- with a lump in the throat whenever he is remembered. He just never knows.

Lawrence

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* WATCH FOR THE *
* UP-AND-COMING *
* M.C.C. PRODUCTION *
* "YOU'VE GOTTA *
* BE KIDDING" *
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AN OPEN LETTER

March 27, 1971

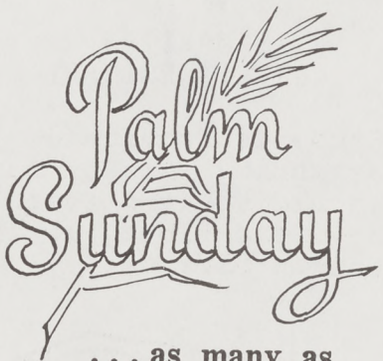
Last Friday night I stood for a moment in the Sanctuary, alone with God, and thanked Him for giving us pride. We are no longer second-class citizens who walk in shadows. Although the spiritual sanction of Christ, Who suffered in death for our salvation, was long denied to us by the established churches, we can now proudly proclaim our right to worship Him who loves us and accepts us as we are.

These are but instances when we can lift our heads with pride as members of M.C.C.: When Reverend Troy Perry asks us if we love the Lord; when Deacon Tom Purcell stands before us and tells us "God loves you"; when Reverend Richard Ploen bows his head for poetry in prayer; when the Chancel Choir raise voices in harmony; when Papa John admonishes us with gruff love; when Reverend Lou Loynes gives new meaning to Communion; when the Gospel Choir sings their good news; and when Willie Smith vocalizes on "*The Impossible Dream*" that has become reality.

But for me there is also another deep, abiding pride we can have, and that is the privilege of knowing people like Fred Conwell, Spider, Quinn, Jim, and the many, many others who have worked so laboriously with ceaseless dedication and tireless devotion to bring our new building to completion. To them, for their gifts of love, time and work, we owe our heartfelt gratitude.

Bob Darst

MAY FESTIVAL NEARS



...as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. —John 1:12

YOUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

In the past few weeks your Social Committee has been working on the May Festival. The Odyssey Club has donated their date at The Factory for our use, and they are helping in the planning.

This year's May Festival will be our best yet, and if you miss it you are going to miss the best dance of this year.

As a door prize we are giving away a trip to Las Vegas.

To make sure no one in our community misses buying a ticket, we are giving $50.00 to the person selling the most tickets.

Make sure you enter our King and Queen contest. Entry blanks will be in the Social Hall during our coffee hour, or see Kevin in the office.

This past week we started our coffee hour. This will be immediately after services.

If you want to be on the Social Committee and help plan future social events for our Church, see the Social Director.

To our Chancel Choir and the Northeast Parish, I am sorry about the mix-up. Remember, we are not perfect!

I have worked hard to bring order to my department. It was easy to overlook a few things.

Bill Bennett

*Be sure to*__

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 4th		THE ACADEMY:
	9:30	"THE LIFE OF CHRIST"
	9:30	"ETHICAL PROBLEMS"
	10:15	CHOIR REHEARSAL
	AFTER CHURCH	YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE -- PROFITS TO MAKE EASTER BASKETS FOR CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL.
MONDAY, APRIL 5th	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
FRIDAY, APRIL 9th	7 - 9	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: "SEVEN LAST WORDS."

NOTE: NO CLASSES NEXT WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

APRIL 4th	YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE	
APRIL 5th	CHANCEL CHOIR SKATING PARTY: MOONLIGHT ROLLER RINK 5110 SAN FERNANDO ROAD GLENDALE	
APRIL 11th	DEACON'S EASTER DINNER AFTER SERVICES	
MAY 22nd	MAY FESTIVAL, 8:30 P.M. THE FACTORY 622 NO. LA PEER WEST HOLLYWOOD	DONATIONS: $5.00
JUNE	M.C.C. VAUDEVILLE: PLACE TO BE CONFIRMED	
JULY	SEA CRUISE TO CATALINA: DATE TO BE SET	

SPECIAL NOTICE

It has come to my attention that several items are missing from the production of "Fashion":

1. A very expensive opera cape, black with red lining;

2. A cane, of great value;

3. A make-up kit.

Anyone having seen any of these items, or if you know of their whereabouts, please see that they are returned to the Church office.

The Church has been asked to pay for these missing items. It's hardly fair to the Church, if you have taken them.

Dale Holland, Pres.
Metropolitan Players

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* DON'T FORGET THE *
* ROLLER SKATING *
* PARTY TOMORROW *
* NIGHT AT THE *
* MOONLIGHT ROLLER *
* RINK IN GLENDALE *
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COOL NEWS FROM "COOL AIDS"

New and exciting far-out things are about to explode in our M.C.C. youth group!

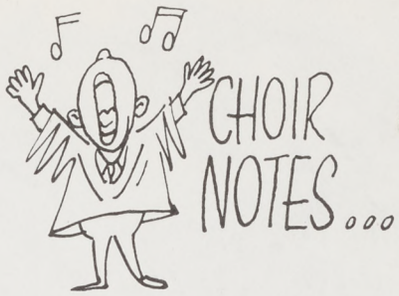
We made it to about 15 1/2 teenagers, including two new observers, Cris and Robin. Be on the lookout for our first Bake Sale, right here on our new stomping grounds. We also discussed making Easter baskets for the kids at Children's Hospital.

Thanks to Henry Erliche, the Cool Aids were invited to attend a special showing at the Egyptian Theater on March 20th. We viewed "Waterloo," a neat movie about Napoleon and his "butch" ladies. What a blast!

We will soon be having our youth group sponsored dances. Keep your eyes open for further news in the M.C.C. News.

Love and Kisses from all of us to all of you.

"Cool Aids"



HI THERE, MR. & MRS. GAY AMERICA

It's M.C.C. Gospel Choir time again.

We are going to be pretty active starting in April, and we would like to have many more people to sing, play tamborines, drums (Bongo & Congo), and guitars.

We are going to be singing and producing great things. We'll be singing for the coming Easter services, so now is the time to join us and get to know the songs. If you are interested, come to rehersals on Monday & Friday nights at 7:30 PM, held at the Church.

For additional information, call Marcy or Rochelle at 383-7887. Till next week, God bless.

Shalom,
Rochelle

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